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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have reached the end of another half term, we wish to send our thanks and warmest wishes to each and every one of you for your support of school. This week saw the last of our Christmas concerts take place – with our Key Stage One and Upper Key Stage Two children taking to the stage for their performances of Baarmy Bethlehem and Gimme, Gimme, Gimme. A huge thank you must go to the parents and carers who joined us, raising the roof with your applause and appreciation for our children.

Yesterday afternoon, we were delighted to enjoy a Christmas Extravaganza as we were joined by the staff from Wakefield Music Services who performed a Christmas medley – the children sang and clapped along, which really helped us get into the Christmas spirit. This morning, we walked the children up to Kings Way Church for our annual Christmas Carol Concert. This was – once again – an amazing experience. Thank you to Miss Lockett for organising this.

We wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and we can't wait to see all children as we return for the new year on Monday 8th January, 2024!

A message from Mrs Berry

As the last day of autumn term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to show my immense pride to be the Headteacher here at Towngate. During autumn term, the school has continued to strengthen. This is due to the ongoing commitment and resilience of all staff within the academy. The staff work tirelessly to ensure your children get the very best from their Towngate journey and are relentless in their pursuit to get it right for your children. Can I take this opportunity to thank all staff for playing a huge part in making our school such a special place: you are the reason that our school continues to flourish by being and giving your best every day. Thank you for giving your time to run various clubs, extra learning sessions and most recently for putting on our amazing Christmas concerts. It's important each one of you knows how lucky our children are to work alongside you day in, day out. Thank you to the Governors who have provided ongoing leadership challenge – you want the best for Towngate, the children and the community and with your help, we are excited for our continued development and partnership. We appreciate your time as this a volunteered role and thank you for your ongoing commitment.

As I walk around the school each day, I continue to observe what a magical place our school really is. To our children of Towngate – this holiday, I want you to remember what a vital part you all play in making our school so special. Each and every one of you brighten our days and make every day a joy. We are so immensely proud of the progress you all continue to make and how you continue to develop as individuals in your own learning journey. As a staff team, we are committed to making your journey at Towngate one full of magical moments, whilst we continue to raise the bar and set high expectations for your all.



Finally, a huge thank you must go to our parents and carers for continuing to work alongside the staff team. We appreciate your efforts in maintaining strengths in our parental partnership and we look forward to working together into 2024. It has been a privilege to see so many of you turn into school to support the various concerts, charity events and activities we hold – without you, the children's experiences would not be the same and it is important that you all realise how much we as a team value your kindness, time and partnership. We wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy Christmas and all the best for 2024.

What are we reading?

For our final reading recommendation of 2023, Mrs Longlands is reading Christmas Pig by the renowned J.K.Rowling. This book is a tale of a young boy, Jack, whose special toy who goes missing on Christmas Eve! Jack's newest toy – the Christmas Pig – comes together with him to embark on a magical adventure to find the toy and save the best friend Jack has ever known!



Key Term Dates

Please find attached event dates for each term on our newsletter. We have endeavoured to plan events for the whole academic year and we ask for your understanding if any dates need changing.



Pupil Achievements



Attendance

Our attendance is 93.27% this week; well done everyone. A particular well done must go to Year 2, who achieved 97.39% attendance this week. All classes in school are working towards achieving their 'Perfect Attendance' treat for 100% attendance every day – keep going everyone!

What have we been getting up to this week?

Nursery

Nursery have had yet another busy week full of festive activities and games. The children are very excited about Christmas and had a great time at our Christmas party, we played pass the parcel, musical corners and danced the morning away! We have been exploring many stories this week and we have been learning about the Christmas Nativity story and how this has linked to our Nativity songs. The children have accomplished so much this term by learning how to share and follow Nursery rules and it will be wonderful to see them make some new friends after Christmas. All is left to say is thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have an amazing break!

Miss Haigh/Mrs Gordon

Reception

Wow, what a fantastic last week we have had this week. In Maths we have focused on weighing and measuring and compared mass using the balancing scales. In Literacy we have thoroughly enjoyed reading Stickman and writing sentences about what Stickman could be used for. We have finished our week with a lovely Christmas party yesterday and a delightful walk to the church today for a carol concert. Well done F2 for super singing and listening. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We can't wait to hear about all of your festivities once we return to school. Enjoy your break and have lots of fun with your families!

Mrs Kimbley, Miss Riley & Mrs Phillip



Year 1

Wow, what an amazing week we have had! The KS 1 concert on Tuesday left many in the audience with happy tears as we performed our Barmy Bethlehem production and ended with one of our favourite songs 'Love Shone Down'. A visit to the church this morning to experience the true meaning of Christmas helped us all to get into the Christmas spirit. Well done to Year 1 for all your hard work this half term. It is a great pleasure to be your teacher. You amaze me every day and most importantly you make me smile and giggle. I love to laugh with you as we learn so many new things.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Miss Lockett

Year 1/2

Wow! Where do I begin! This has been the most wonderful week to end our Autumn term. This was kicked off by our fabulous nativity production, where I am still absolutely beaming with pride. The singing and acting was outstanding and their hard work and dedication shone through on the day. Another huge well done, I am so proud of each and every one of you. The festivities didn't stop there! Our party day on Thursday was a huge hit, where we played lots of games, sung, danced and enjoyed a movie together. Our visit to the Church was wonderful, the children were an absolute credit to the school and their behaviour was exemplary. They sang their little hearts out once again as we proudly sang along to the Christmas carols and learnt the nativity. I can't believe we have come to the end of a term already, the progress the children have made so far is amazing to see and I am excited to enter another term to see what these incredible children can achieve next. Have the most magical, wonderful Christmas everyone! I can't wait to see you all and hear all about it.

Mrs Davies

Year 2

It has come to the end of an incredible half term - we can't help but reflect on the magic and joy that filled every corner of our classroom. Our hard work and dedication resulted in a West-End worth Nativity performance that left us all in awe. Everyone put their all into creating such a memorable experience and the result was nothing short of magical. In the spirit of spreading festive cheer, we took the time to write letters to Santa - and guess what? Our dreams came true as we had the incredible opportunity to meet Santa himself! In Art, we put together all the skills we have learnt, to shape and mould clay into beautiful pots. In RE, we learned about the story of Jonah and reminded ourselves about the importance of perseverance. We realised that this links to our CORE four values. On Thursday, we had our Christmas party, which was filled with warm and fun moments, where the children enjoyed themselves with games, snacks, and songs! On Friday, we all gathered at the Church and sang songs to spread love and hope. I hope you all have a Christmas filled with love, laughter, and magic, Year 2. I can't wait to see you in the new year.

Miss Wilson

Year 3

Wow! The end of Autumn term! We have had a very festive week in Year 3 this week. In Art, we have been using monoprinting to make our Christmas calendars, we have been completing our Christmas cards and decorating a mini Christmas tree bauble for our tree at home. In English, we have been learning how to use direct speech and how to use past and present tense and we also used a fairy castle image as a prompt to create a narrative to show off our writing knowledge. In Maths, we have been learning how to create equal groups ready for our multiplication learning after the holidays and in Science, we have been creating shadows as well as learning what reflection is and what reflection is used for. In PE, we have been playing multisport games and in PSHE, we have been learning about different communities and understanding what blended families are. On Thursday, we had a fantastic time at our Christmas party, playing games and dancing to music and today, we all walked up to Kingsway Church in Ossett to take part in a magical Christmas Carol concert. A huge well done for this Autumn term Year 3 - Have a wonderful, well-earned break, I hope Santa brings you lots of lovely things - See you in 2024!

Mrs Schofield



Year 4

A brilliant final week has been enjoyed by us all, we have watched the KS1 and upper KS2 productions and have been blown away by the creativity and confidence of all pupils involved. We have also been finishing off our Christmas cards and completing our calendars which are looking excellent. To finish our week, we have completed our Science experiment based on the efficiency of evaporation. Please have a fantastic Christmas to those who celebrate and I look forward to welcoming you back after the holidays.

Mr Hitch

Year 5

Well done to all our Y5 and Y6 children who worked so hard to present two amazing Christmas performances, this week. The children rehearsed tirelessly to ensure that both performances were as flawless as possible and we are sure that as parents and carers you are all immensely proud. We have completed some very tough units of learning this half term, but the children continue to show their resilience and dedication to their learning, right until the final day of term. The children have earned a well-deserved break and I'm sure that - however you choose to spend your Christmas - you will all have a wonderful time!

Mr Adlington

Year 5/6

Boys and girls, what an amazing half term we have had in class 5/6. This week, we could not be prouder of your bravery, commitment and enthusiasm for our Christmas production; well done for working so hard, it certainly paid off! Today, we have all enjoyed a visit to Kingsway Church for our Christmas Carol concert - what an amazing way to finish for the Christmas break. You have all made fantastic progress this half term, myself and Mrs Johnson are so proud of each of you. Have an amazing break and thank you for working so hard and making us laugh every day!

Mrs Bateman

Year 6

Year 6 - where do I begin? You have completed your final (ever!) primary school Christmas performance and I am so proud of each and every one of you. Each one of you shone as you sang, acted and performed as a team and I am truly privileged to have been able to watch you perform this week. Your work ethic continues to be fantastic and I have no doubts this will continue as the hard work continues next half term. Mrs Drury and I have loved spending this term working alongside you and we can't wait to do the same as we step into 2024. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Christmas for those who celebrate, and all of you enjoy a well-earned break with your family! Thank you all for being so brilliant! See you all in 2024!

Mrs Poole



Please see below dates for the next academic year, **dates highlighted in yellow are open to parents and carers.** If any dates change, we endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

Spring Term

Date	Event	Class
8.1.24	Back to School	Whole School
8.1.24	Young voices Concert in Sheffield Arena	Choir
11.1.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
18.1.24	Y3 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Year 3
17.1.24	Multiplication Check Parent Meeting 3:30pm	Year 4
24.1.24	F2 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Reception
2.2.24	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
5.2.24	Safer Internet Week	Whole School
5.2.24	Nursery Class Assembly	Nursery Parents
7.2.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
8.2.24	Chinese New Year	Whole School
8.2.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
9.24.24	Hibernation Day for Shelley – Children can attend school in PJS	Whole school
9.2.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
19.2.24	INSET Day	Whole School
20.2.24	Back to School	Whole School
26.2.24	Year 5 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 5
27.2.24	Year 6 Inspire 2:00pm	All Year 6
28.2.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
29.2.24	Y4 Class Assembly 2:00pm	Whole School
1.3.24	Zero Discrimination Day	Whole School
4.3.24	Careers Week	Whole School
6.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents

6.3.24	Safeguarding Meeting for Parents 4:00pm	Whole School
7.3.24	World Book Day	Whole School
7.3.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
12.3.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
13.3.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
14.3.24	Y2 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 2 Parents
15.3.24	Red Nose Day	Whole School
18.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Whole School
19.3.24	Y1 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 1 Parents
21.3.24	Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Whole School
22.3.24	Easter Egg Competition	Whole School
22.3.24	Break Up Today	Whole School



Summer Term

Date	Event	Class
8.4.24	Back to School	Whole School
11.4.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
2.5.24	INSET Day	Whole School
9.5.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
13.5.24	KS2 SATs Assessments this week	Year 6
21.5.24	Y3 INSPIRE Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 3
22.5.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
23.5.24	Trip to Butterfly Garden Sheffield	Nursery
24.5.24	Break Up Today	Whole School
3.6.24	Pride Month	Whole School
10.6.24	Back to School Today	Whole School
10.6.24	Year 6 Bikability this week	Year 6
13.6.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents
14.6.24	Scholastic Book Fair all week	Whole School
17.6.24	Refugee Week	Whole School
19.6.24	Y4 Trip to Murton Park	Year 4
20.6.24	Year 6 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 6
24.6.24	Year 5 Class Assembly 2:00pm	All Year 5
01.07.24	Year 5 Camping Trip	All Year 5
3.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
3.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
8.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
10.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
11.7.24	Excellence Exhibit 3:00pm	Whole School
11.7.24	Early Years Open Evening 4:00pm – 5:30pm	New Early Years Parents

11.7.24	Transition Morning	Whole School
12.7.24	French Day	Whole School
15.7.24	EY Trip to the Watering Hole	F2
15.7.23	Y6 residential to PGL @ Newby Wiske, Northallerton	
17.7.24	Nursery Stay and Play 2:00pm – 3:00pm	New Nursery Parents
18.7.24	KS1 Inspire Afternoon 2:00pm	Year 1 Year 2
22.7.24	Sports Day EY: 9:00am KS1: 10:30am LKS2: 1:00pm UKS2: 2:00pm	Whole School
23.7.24	Y2 Graduation 2:00pm	Year 2
24.7.24	Towngate's Got Talent	Whole School
24.7.24	EY Graduation 2:00pm	Foundation
25.7.24	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 2:00pm	Year 6
25.7.24	Break Up Today	Whole School





'Towngate Pantry'



The Pantry is now open for families to
access

We are here to offer a little extra help to
families that may need it

We have food supplies, clothes,
uniform, shoes, toys, books and
toiletries

Please let us know if you need
anything

This is a confidential service and can
be accessed discreetly

We are here to help

